Searches for High Energy Astrophysical neutrinos: recent results, world-wide perspectives







- -H.E. C.R. Messengers from a remote Universe -What do we know, what are we investigating -Astronomy with H.E. neutrino
- -The proton-gamma-neutrino connection
- -The effort for future H.E. neutrino Telescopes



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Muon

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One century of cosmic rays measurements ...



- Observed elementary particles or nuclei carrying a kinetic energy up to 10²¹eV (like a tennis ball moving at ~150km/h)
- Many open questions:
 - Where they come from ?
 - Which acceleration mechanism ?



- •UHE astrophysical neutrinos will extend the limits of the "visible" Universe.
- Detection of v from point-like sources will clarify their "nature": hadronic/electrom. ??
 Multi-messenger observations

Motivations for present H.E. neutrino astrophysics

The U.H.E. Cosmic Rays (>10¹⁹ eV) require an explanation:

- are they proton ? \rightarrow then they should be "galactic"! \rightarrow where is their source ?
- are they extragalactic protons ? where is their source ? \rightarrow what about GZK ?
- are they heavier nuclei ? where is their source ?

Confirmed gamma-ray sources still need to be understood. Do they accelerate hadrons or electrons ? These sources will be the first target of neutrino telescopes observations:

- search for astrophysical neutrinos in excess to the atmospheric neutrino flux (conventional and prompt);
- search for neutrinos from point-like sources (list of known gamma-ray emitters, steady or transient).
 Measured γ-fluxes allow to evaluate the expected amount of v events;
- search for neutrinos from Fermi Bubbles and from Galactic Plane;
- Search for neutrino in time/space coincidence with other messenger (radio, gamma, GW, CR, ...)
- and let's not forget that neutrinos offer the unique possibility to "look" further away and deeper inside astrophysical objects revealing so far "hidden sources". The horizon for a Neutrino Telescope is wider.



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Astrophysical neutrinos from point-like sources

Neutrino astronomy is already started !

SN1987A neutrino events observed by Kamiokande, IMB and Baksan.



The v burst lasted about 13 s.

Solar neutrinos measured by SKK (1996-2018)



http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/sk/sk/solar-e.html

Neutrino fluxes: what do we know/expect?



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Detecting neutrinos in H₂O

Proposed by Greisen, Reines, Markov in 1960



Schematics of a Cherenkov Neutrino Telescope



Neutrino Telescope physic's goal

F. Aharonian

ICRC-2015

> 10-12

acceleration of protons and/or electrons in SNR shells to energies up to 100TeV

leptonic or hadronic?

4N/dE [erg cm⁻¹

Log(E/eV)

 γ -rays from pp -> π° -> 2γ

H.E.S.S

Log(E/eV)

- search for ν from point like–sources:
 - hadronic
- $p_{CR} + p_{ISM} \rightarrow \pi^0 \pi^{\pm} \dots$ $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma (EM \ cascade)$ $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}, \nu_e \dots$
- or leptonic ? (no v expected)

 $e_{H.E.} + \gamma_{sync} \rightarrow \gamma_{H.E.}$

- search for time-space coincidence with known sources: blazars, flaring (gamma, radio, ..) sources, GRBs, ...
- search for "diffuse neutrino fluxes". is their origin related to:
 - H.E. C.R. propagation ? What is the effect of the Galactic Ridge on their production?
 - diffuse galactic γ background ?
- search for a p- γ - ν connection
 - H.E. ν (IceCube, ANTARES) diffuse γ fluxes (FERMI)
 - H.E. ν (IceCube, ANTARES) U.H.E. C.R. (AUGER and T.A.)

RXJ1713.7-4639

Search for "Point like" cosmic Neutrino Sources



Experimental signal : statistical evidence of an excess of events coming from the same direction

Search for v from "Diffuse Cosmic Neutrino Sources"

- Unresolved AGN
- Neutrinos from "Z-bursts"
- Neutrinos from "GZK like" p-CMB interactions
- Neutrinos foreseen by Top-Down models
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Their identification out of the more intense background of atmospheric neutrinos (and muons) is possible at high energies (E > TeV) and implies accurate energy reconstruction.



• 2013, first evidence for a diffuse flux of cosmic neutrinos: 28 contained VHE astrophysical v events reported by IceCube

... looking for the discovery of neutrino point like sources ... search for cosmic neutrinos (also known as GZK ν)

$$p + \gamma_{\rm CMB} \to n + \pi^+ \to n \ \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$$



This search discovered two PeV cascade events, each with just over 1 PeV deposited energy--lower than expected for cosmogenic neutrinos. The events were just at the threshold of the search.



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10⁻⁵ 4.5

 10^{3}

10²

10

1 10⁻¹

10⁻²

10-4

Number of events



High Energy Starting Event Analysis

3-Year Analysis PRL 113, 101101 (2014)

36 events in 3 years

Three > PeV events seen in three years, including a 2-PeV neutrino



IceCube 7.5 years data sample - HESE Analysis

The measured sample is compatible with a total flux of $v_e, v_\mu, v_\tau, \overline{v}_e, \overline{v}_\mu, \overline{v}_\tau$ spectrum

 $\frac{d\phi}{dE} = 2.3^{+0.3}_{-0.3} \left(\frac{E_{\nu}}{100 TeV}\right)^{-2,87^{+0.20}_{-0.19}}$

$$10^{-18} GeV^{-1} cm^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1}$$

The hypothesis that HESE are due to "prompt atmospheric neutrinos" is rejected at > 5σ with respect to a single power-law astrophysical plus atmospheric flux hypothesis

Category	$E < 60 \mathrm{TeV}$	$E > 60 \mathrm{TeV}$	Total
Total Events	42	60	102
Up Down	$19\\23$	$\begin{array}{c} 21\\ 39 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 40 \\ 62 \end{array}$
Cascade Track Double Cascade	$30 \\ 10 \\ 2$	$\begin{array}{c} 41\\17\\2\end{array}$	$71\\27\\4$





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IceCube today: diffuse v_{μ} flux with up-going muons

after 7 years \rightarrow 6.4 sigma



At ICRC 2017, 8 years data sample \rightarrow 6.7 sigma



IceCube 2017



The $p - \gamma - \nu$ connection

Halzen and Kheirandish, 2019 doi: 10.3389/fspas.2019.00032



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IceCube and the Glashow resonance



ANTARES recent results on the search for diffuse v flux The ICRC19 results, 2016-2018 added-up





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10²

10¹

 10^{-1}

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2.4

2.6

2.8

3.0

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Where these neutrinos are coming from ??



No significant clustering observed

A diffuse flux from extragalactic sources. A subdominant Galactic component cannot be excluded.

Search for neutrinos from the Galactic plane

New analysis on tracks and showers, based on Max. Lik.



KRA_γ new model to describe the C.R. transport in our galaxy. It agrees with C.R. measurements (KASCADE, Pamela, AMS, Fermi-LAT, HESS).

FERMI-LAT diffuse γ flux from along the galactic plane $(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$ well explained above few GeV.

 ${\rm KRA}_{\gamma}$ allows to predict the ν flux by π^{\pm} decays induced by galactic CR interactions

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{KRA}_{\gamma} \text{ 50PeV cut-off for CR} \\ \text{KRA}_{\gamma} \text{ 5PeV cut-off for CR} \end{array}$

KRA_{γ} assuming a neutrino flux \propto E^{-2.5} and a CR spectrum with 50 PeV cut-off can explain ~20% of the IceCube observed HESE.

ANTARES, with an good visibility of the Galactic Plane well suited to observe these fluxes or to put competitive limits: no signal found \rightarrow set 90%C.L. upper limits.

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It's mandatory now !!!!

• Let search for neutrino point like sources:

- Large size detector required (very small fluxes expected)
- Very good accuracy in angular reconstruction (high background, the irreducible atmospheric background has to be subtracted statistically)

The ANTARES search for point-like v sources based on two kind of events

Tracks: CC ν_{μ} or $\nu_{\tau} \rightarrow \mu$



- Interaction can occur far from the detector providing a large *Effective Volume*
- *Energy resol.* ~ factor 3



Electronic or hadronic showers: NC and CC ν_e or $\nu_{\tau} \rightarrow$ showers





ANTARES Search for cosmic v from known point-like Sources

9 years of ANTARES data searching for all neutrino flavours: 7629 "tracks" + 180 "shower" events passed the selection criteria



here no significant excess has been found ... but keep tuned

ANTARES results: "full sky search" of v sources

The visible sky of ANTARES divided on a $1^0 \times 1^0$ (r.a x decl.) boxes. Maximum Likelihood analysis searching for clusters

ANTARES arXiv:1706.01857v1, 6 June 2017



The most significant cluster: decl. $\delta = 23.5^{\circ}$, r.a. $\alpha = 343.8^{\circ}$ has a pre-trial p-value of 3.84×10^{-6} \rightarrow U. L. from this sky location $E^2 \frac{d\Phi}{dE} = 3.8 \times 10^{-8}$ GeV cm⁻² s⁻¹

ANTARES & IceCube: "full sky search" of v sources



Joint IceCube + ANTARES search for v sources

Skymap of pre-trial p-values for the combined ANTARES 2007/12 and IceCube 40, 59, 79 point-source analyses.



The Multi-Messenger Search Programme with a neutrino Telescope

The case for ANTARES



A Multi-Messenger Search of v from GRB



ANTARES Multi-messenger program: an example search for v_{μ} from very bright GRB sources

A search was performed for 4 bright GRBs: GRB080916C, GRB 110918A, GRB 130 observed between 2008 and 2013.

The expected neutrino fluxes evaluated in the fra

- the fireball model have with the internal shoce
- the photospheric scenario ($E_{\nu} < 10TeV$) No events have been found: 90% C.L. upper limit

080916C fluence



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ANTARES Multi-messenger program search for v_{μ} by stacking long GRB sources (1)

GRB searches with ANTARES

GRB γ rays 10 years of **ANTARES** data ★ Long bursts in 2007-2017 from Fermi (GBM + LAT), Swift (BAT + XRT + UVOT) catalogs and Konus-Wind GCN (https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/gcn3 archive.html); ★ Spectrum is measured; 30° ★ T90 (~ duration) is measured; ★ Position is measured and satellite angular uncertainty ل<mark>العادة (</mark>درم ا is less than 10 degrees; \star One among fluence and redshift is measured; ★ Below ANTARES horizon at trigger time; ★ ANTARES in Physics run; ★ GRBs fully contained is a single ANTARES run. **784 GRBs**

ANTARES Collaboration, MNRAS 500, 5614–5628 (2021)

ANTARES Multi-messenger program search for v_{μ} by stacking long GRB sources (2)

Results: constrain to HE diffuse neutrino flux

- For a sample size of 784 GRBs the level of systematic error around the 90% C.L. upper limits is of the order of $^{+30}_{-70}$ %
- GRBs are not the main contributors to the observed flux below ~ 1PeV, within the NeuCosmA model framework with benchmark baryonic loading, $f_p = 10$
- In the energy region where ANTARES is most sensitive (below 100 TeV), GRBs do not contribute by more than 10%



ANTARES Collaboration, MNRAS 500, 5614–5628 (2021)

IceCube and Radio Blazars

Recent evidence for Radio Blazars- IC neutrinos association

- Plavin et al. 2020 https://doi.org/10.3847/1538-4357/ab86bd
- Neutrinos: 56 IceCube tracks with E > 200 TeV (33 from EHEA + 23 from HESE, HESEA, MUONT)
- Blazars: 3388 objects selected in the 8 GHz band from VLBI observations (parsec-scale resolution of the AGN core)



The authors: '...we conclude that AGNs with bright Doppler-boosted jets constitute an important population of neutrino sources'. The search in the ANTARES data is going on ...

... but also ... triggering on Neutrino Telescopes

IceCube 170922A very High Energy Event: Trigger sent to other astrophysical experiments

IceCube Trigger

43 seconds after trigger, GCN notice was sent

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TITLE:	GCN/AMON NOTICE
NOTICE_DATE:	Fri 22 Sep 17 20:55:13 UT
NOTICE_TYPE:	AMON ICECUBE EHE
RUN_NUM:	130033
EVENT_NUM:	50579430
SRC_RA:	77.2853d {+05h 09m 08s} (J2000),
_	77.5221d {+05h 10m 05s} (current),
	76.6176d {+05h 06m 28s} (1950)
SRC_DEC:	+5.7517d {+05d 45' 06"} (J2000),
	+5.7732d {+05d 46' 24"} (current),
	+5.6888d {+05d 41' 20"} (1950)
SRC_ERROR:	14.99 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 50% containment]
DISCOVERY_DATE:	18018 TJD; 265 DOY; 17/09/22 (yy/mm/dd)
DISCOVERY_TIME:	75270 SOD {20:54:30.43} UT
REVISION:	0
N_EVENTS:	1 [number of neutrinos]
STREAM:	2
DELTA_T:	0.0000 [sec]
SIGMA_T:	0.0000e+00 [dn]
ENERGY :	1.1998e+02 [TeV]
SIGNALNESS:	5.6507e-01 [dn]
CHARGE :	5784.9552 [pe]

Triggering on Neutrino Telescopes site

Follow-up detections of IC170922 based on public telegrams







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76.4°

76.8°

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Fermi Counts

IceCube 170922A coincides with the TXS0506+056 blazar

IceCube investigated **9.5 years of previously collected data** searching for excess emission at the position of the blazar: **found 3.5σ evidence for neutrino emission** from the direction of TXS 0506+056, independent of and prior to the 2017 flaring episode. **This suggests that blazars are identifiable sources of the high-energy astrophysical neutrino flux.**



Multi-messenger astronomy: the ultimate approach



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A joint ANTARES-IceCube-LigoSC-Virgo-Auger analysis

performed as "Neutrino follow-up" of GW170817



The location of this source was nearly ideal for Auger. It was well above the horizon for IceCube and ANTARES for prompt observations. IceCube and ANTARES sensitivity is then limited for neutrinos with $E_v < 100$ TeV.

- A short gamma-ray burst (GRB) that followed the merger of this binary system was recorded by the Fermi-GBM ($E_{iso} \sim 4 \cdot 10^{46}$ erg) and INTEGRAL.
- Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo observatories reported GW170817
- Optical observations allowed the precise localization of binary neutron star inspiral in NGC4993 at ~40Mpc.
- ANTARES, IceCube, and Pierre Auger Observatories searched for high-energy neutrinos from the merger in the 10¹¹ eV–10²⁰ eV energy range.
- IceCube detector is also sensitive to outbursts of MeV neutrinos via a simultaneous increase in all photomultiplier signal rates.

A joint ANTARES/IceCube/LigoSC/Virgo/Auger analysis performed as "Neutrino follow-up" of GW170817

- No neutrinos directionally coincident with the source were detected within ±500 s around the merger time.
- Additionally, no MeV neutrino burst signal was detected (in IceCube) coincident with the merger.
- In Pierre Auger Observatory no inclined showers passing the Earth-skimming selection (neutrino candidates) were found in the time window ±500 s around the trigger time of GW170817.
- No neutrino found in an extended search in the direction within the 14-day period following the merger.
- GRB170817A's observed prompt gamma-ray emission, as well as Fermi-GBM's luminosity constraints for extended gamma-ray emission, are significantly below typical values for observed short GRBs. One possible explanation for this is the off-axis observation of the GRB.



 The non observation of neutrinos allow to put limits both extended emission (EE) and prompt emission (scaled to a distance of 40 Mpc): limits are shown for the case of on-axis viewing angle (0) and selected off-axis angles to indicate the dependence on this parameter.

The global approach to next generation v Telescopes

KM3neT/ARCA optimized ~1.4 km³ \rightarrow >1 TeV (1-5 km³) construction 2015(18) – 2023 Deep – Sea water high angular resolution depth 2.7 – 3.3 km no veto available



GVD optimized ~0.4 km³ \rightarrow >10 TeV (1.5 km³) construction 2015 – 2024 Lake fresh water good angular resolution depth 0.7 – 1.2 km no veto available

IceCube-Gen2

optimized ~ $1 \text{ km}^3 \rightarrow >1 \text{ TeV}$ ~ $10 \text{ km}^3 \rightarrow > 30 \text{ TeV}$ Operating 2021 – 2032 Ice (scattering, medium homogeneity, ...) Moderate angular resolution Depth 1.4 – 2.7 km

Surface Veto !!!

KM3NeT Collaboration 56 institutes in 17 countries



ORCA (Oscillation Research with Cosmic in the Abyss)

1 collaboration, 1 technology \leftarrow 2 detectors:

ARCA (Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss)

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... yesterday, today, tomorrow ...

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KM3NeT technology

The basic elements:

- Strings 👉 DU (Detection Unit)

KM3NeT Building Blocks

ORCA is composed of 1 building block of 115 DUs each with 20 m DU interspacing and 9m inter DOM spacing (7 Mton)

> ARCA is composed of 2 building blocks of 115 DUs each with 90 m DU interspacing and 36m inter DOM spacing (0.5 km3=500Mton/block)

KM3NeT-ARCA block 2

at the South Pole

RICAP 2016

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Juan A. Aguilar

IceCube Gen2

- Several layouts under evaluation
- Example: "Sunflower" geometry with different string spacings

~120 new strings, 80 DOMs per string, instrumented over 1.25 km
 ~10 x IC volume for contained event analysis above 200 TeV

a unique facility: vetoing downgoing events

The Baikal – GVD project

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The Baikal – GVD project, the prototype

First Demonstration Cluster "DUBNA" (April 2015)

- 192 OMs at 8 Strings 2×12 OMs per String.
- Acoustic Positioning System
- Instrumentation String for environment monitoring
- LED beacon for inter-string time calibration

Active depth 950 – 1300 m Instrumented volume 1.7 Mt

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The Baikal – GVD project time schedule

Baikal-GVD construction status and schedule

Status 2021: 8 clusters, 3 laser stations, experimental strings

Effective volume 2021: 0.40 km³ (cascade mode)

KM3NeT – sensitivity to CCSN

Inverse beta decay (IBD)

 $\overline{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$ ($E_e \simeq E_{\nu} - 1.3 \text{ MeV}$)

Elastic scattering on electrons (EES)

 $\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$

CC interaction with oxygen

 $\nu_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^- + {}^{16}\text{F} \text{ (min. 15 MeV)}$ $\overline{\nu}_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^+ + {}^{16}\text{N} \text{ (min. 11 MeV)}$

+ de-excitation γ s

NC interaction with oxygen $\nu + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow \nu + {}^{16}\text{O}^*$ only de-excitation γ s.

Only outgoing leptons are considered (de-excitation γ s are neglected).

Cross-sections (from SNOwGLoBES):

IBD is the dominant process (97%): larger cross section + efficient $\nu \rightarrow e^+$ energy transfer.

• CCSN:

- Explosive phenomena ending the life of massive stars with ~10⁵³ erg energy release
- 99% of gravitational energy goes into low energy v (~10 MeV) when optically thick (hours after observ.)
- Expected near CCSN ~1.5 per century

KM3NeT – sensitivity to CCSN

 $>5\sigma$ for ARCA+ORCA for 27M $_{\odot}$ at a distance <25kpc

A trigger for CCSN already implemented Integrated in SNEWS

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Summary

- Astrophysical neutrino fluxes identified and measured
- The quest for point-like sources is going on
- Multimessenger-efforts:
 - search for time-space coincidences
 - Transient sources offer lower background conditions
 - H.E.C.R., gamma, neutrino connection
 - Better understanding on the acceleration mechanisms and the nature of sources (hadronic-leptonic)

• New generation Neutrino Telescopes soon coming in operation

Multi-messenger GW-v sensitivity

For the LIGO-VIRGO - ANTARES detectors:

For **binary neutron star systems** of $(1.35-1.35) M_{Sun}$ and **black hole-neutron star systems** of $(5-1.35) M_{Sun}$ typical distance limits are **5Mpc and 10Mpc** respectively.

For the sine-Gaussian waveforms with $E_{GW} = 10^{-2} M_{sun} c^2$ we find typical distance limits between 5 - 17Mpc in the low-frequency band and of order 1Mpc in the high-frequency band.

For other E_{GW} the limits scale as $D_{90\%} \propto (E_{GW}/10^{-2} M_{Sun} c^2)^{1/2}$ $\rightarrow E_{GW} = 10^{-8} M_{Sun} c^2$ (typical for CCSN) a signal would only be observable from a Galactic source.

ARCA (Phase 2) discovery potential for point-like sources

Hypothesis:

- Neutrino spectra ~ E_v^{-2} .
- 3 years observation time

KM3NeT – ORCA sensitivity to NMH

- Time dependence of the KM3NeT sensitivity
- ORCA Mass Hierarch determination significance for δ_{CP} = 0°

